

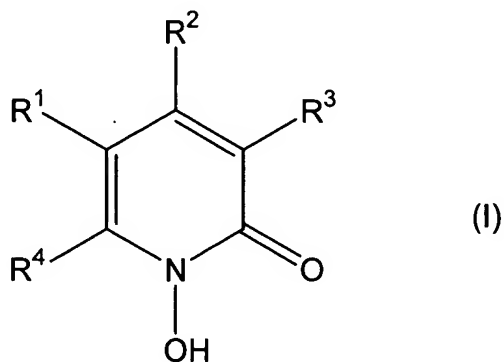
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims without prejudice or disclaimer as indicated:

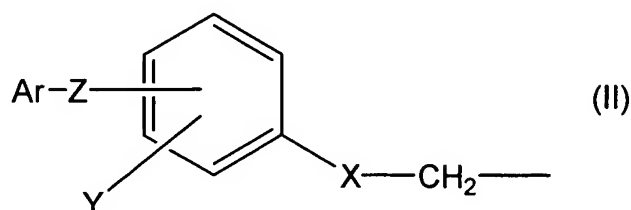
1-13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~a human or animal patient in need of treatment for~~ seborrheic dermatitis comprising administering to ~~the~~ a seborrheic dermatitis patient an amount effective for the treatment of seborrheic dermatitis of a composition comprising:

(A) an active component consisting essentially of at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone of formula I, wherein the at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone is present in free form or as a pharmaceutically acceptable salt:



where R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 , which are identical or different, are H or alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and R^4 is a saturated hydrocarbon radical having 6 to 9 carbon atoms or a radical of formula II:



where:

X is S or O;

Y is H, or 1 or 2 identical halogen atoms, or a mixture of 2 different halogen atoms;

Z is a single bond, or a linking radical comprising

(1) O, or

(2) S, or

(3) $-CR_2-$, where R is H or (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, or

(4) from 2 to 10 carbon atoms linked in the form of a straight or branched chain, which optionally further comprises one or more of the following:

(i) carbon-carbon double bond, and

(ii) O, S, or a mixture thereof, wherein if 2 or more O or S atoms or a mixture thereof are present, each O or S atom is separated by at least 2 carbon atoms; and,

in any of the foregoing linking radicals, any remaining free valences of the carbon atoms of said linking radical are saturated by H, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, or a mixture thereof;

and

Ar is an aromatic ring system having one or two rings, the aromatic ring system being unsubstituted or substituted by one, two, or three radicals, which are identical or different, and are chosen from halogen, methoxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, and trifluoromethoxy; and

(B) at least one surfactant chosen from anionic surfactants, cationic surfactants, nonionic surfactants, and amphoteric surfactants;

wherein the composition has a pH ranging from about 4.5 to about 6.5; and

wherein the composition is one phase.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~a human or animal patient in need of treatment for~~ seborrheic dermatitis as claimed in claim 14 in which the at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone of formula I comprises a cyclohexyl radical in the R⁴ position.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~a human or animal patient in need of treatment for~~ seborrheic dermatitis as claimed in claim 14 in which the at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone of formula I comprises an octyl radical of the formula -CH₂-CH(CH₃)-CH₂-C(CH₃)₃ in the R⁴ position.

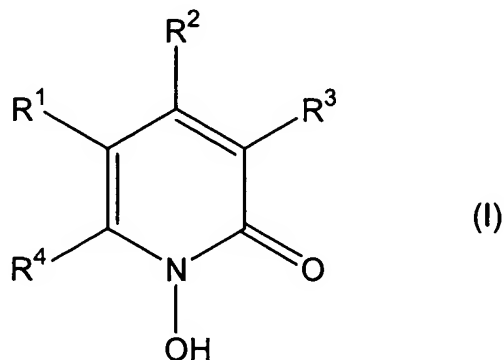
17. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~a human or animal patient in need of treatment for~~ seborrheic dermatitis as claimed in claim 14 in which the composition comprises
1-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-(4-(4-chlorophenoxy)phenoxy)methyl)-2(1H)pyridone,
1-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-cyclohexyl-2(1H)pyridone, or

1-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-(2,4,4-trimethylpentyl)-2(1H)pyridone, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of any of the foregoing, or a mixture of any of the foregoing.

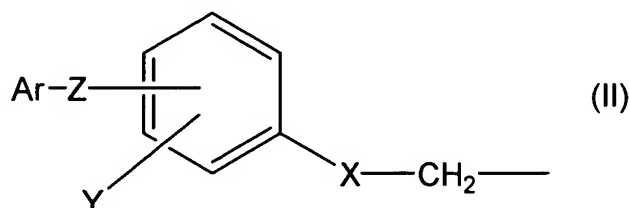
18. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~a human or animal patient in need of treatment for~~ seborrheic dermatitis as claimed in claim 14 in which the composition further comprises at least one additional surfactant chosen from anionic, cationic, nonionic, and amphoteric surfactants.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~a human or animal patient in need of treatment for~~ seborrheic dermatitis comprising administering to ~~the~~ a seborrheic dermatitis patient an amount effective for the treatment of seborrheic dermatitis of a composition comprising:

(A) an active component consisting essentially of at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone of formula I, wherein the at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone is present in free form or as a pharmaceutically acceptable salt:



where R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 , which are identical or different, are H or alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and R^4 is a saturated hydrocarbon radical having 6 to 9 carbon atoms or a radical of formula II:



where:

- X is S or O;
- Y is H, or 1 or 2 identical halogen atoms, or a mixture of 2 different halogen atoms;
- Z is a single bond, or a linking radical comprising
- (1) O, or
 - (2) S, or
 - (3) $-CR_2-$, where R is H or (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, or
 - (4) from 2 to 10 carbon atoms linked in the form of a straight or branched chain, which optionally further comprises one or more of the following:
 - (i) a carbon-carbon double bond, and
 - (ii) O, S, or a mixture thereof, wherein if 2 or more O or S atoms or a mixture thereof are present, each O or S atom is separated by at least 2 carbon atoms; and,

in any of the foregoing linking radicals, any remaining free valences of the carbon atoms of said linking radical are saturated by H, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, or a mixture thereof;

and

Ar is an aromatic ring system having one or two rings, the aromatic ring system being unsubstituted or substituted by one, two, or three radicals, which are identical or different, and are chosen from halogen, methoxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, and trifluoromethoxy; and

(B) at least one surfactant chosen from anionic surfactants, cationic surfactants, nonionic surfactants, and amphoteric surfactants;

wherein the composition has a pH ranging from about 4.5 to about 6.5; and

wherein the composition is a shampoo.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~a human or animal patient in need of treatment for~~ seborrheic dermatitis as claimed in claim 19 in which the at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone of formula I comprises a cyclohexyl radical in the R⁴ position.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~a human or animal patient in need of treatment for~~ seborrheic dermatitis as claimed in claim 19 in which the at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone of formula I comprises an octyl radical of the formula -CH₂-CH(CH₃)-CH₂-C(CH₃)₃ in the R⁴ position.

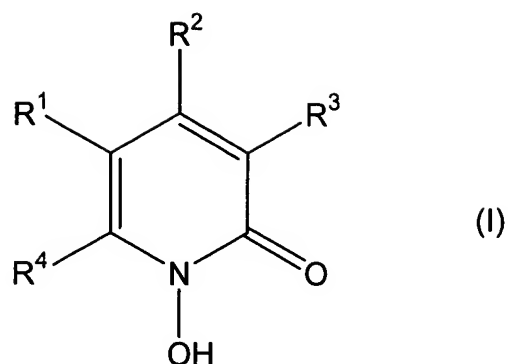
22. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~a human or animal patient in need of treatment for~~ seborrheic dermatitis as claimed in claim 19 in which the composition comprises 1-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-(4-(4-chlorophenoxy)phenoxy)methyl)-2(1H)pyridone, 1-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-cyclohexyl-2(1H)pyridone, or 1-hydroxy-4-methyl-

6-(2,4,4-trimethylpentyl)-2(1H)pyridone, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of any of the foregoing, or a mixture of any of the foregoing.

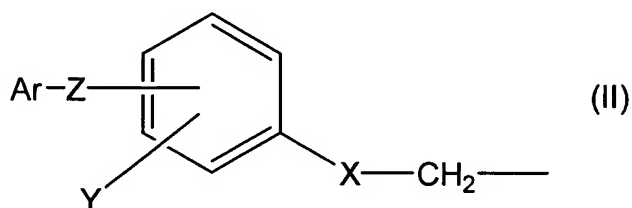
23. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~a human or animal patient in need of treatment for~~ seborrheic dermatitis as claimed in claim 19 in which the composition further comprises at least one additional surfactant chosen from anionic, cationic, nonionic, and amphoteric surfactants.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~a human or animal patient in need of treatment for~~ seborrheic dermatitis comprising administering to ~~the~~ a seborrheic dermatitis patient an amount effective for the treatment of seborrheic dermatitis of a composition which comprises:

(A) at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone of formula I, wherein the at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone is present in free form or as a pharmaceutically acceptable salt:



where R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 , which are identical or different, are H or alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and R^4 is a saturated hydrocarbon radical having 6 to 9 carbon atoms or a radical of formula II:



where:

X is S or O;

Y is H, or 1 or 2 identical halogen atoms, or a mixture of 2 different halogen atoms;

Z is a single bond, or

a linking radical comprising

(1) O, or

(2) S, or

(3) $-CR_2-$, where R is H or (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, or

(4) from 2 to 10 carbon atoms linked in the form of a straight or branched chain, which optionally further comprises one or more of the following:

- (i) a carbon-carbon double bond, and
- (ii) O, S, or a mixture thereof, wherein if 2 or more O or S atoms or a mixture thereof are present, each O or S atom is separated by at least 2 carbon atoms; and,

in any of the foregoing linking radicals, any remaining free valences of the carbon atoms of said linking radical are saturated by H, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, or a mixture thereof;

and

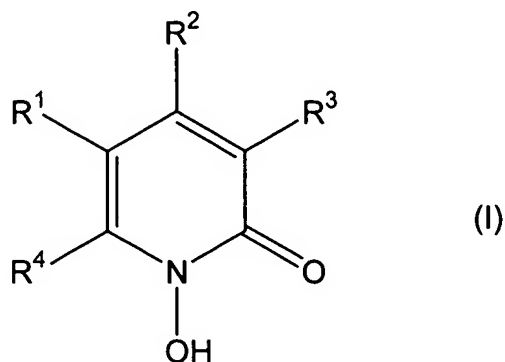
Ar is an aromatic ring system having two rings, the aromatic ring system being unsubstituted or substituted by one, two, or three radicals, which are identical or different, and are chosen from halogen, methoxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, trifluoromethyl, and trifluoromethoxy, and wherein Ar is a bicyclic system derived from biphenyl, diphenylalkane, or diphenyl ether; and

(B) at least one surfactant chosen from anionic surfactants, cationic surfactants, nonionic surfactants, and amphoteric surfactants; and wherein the composition is one phase.

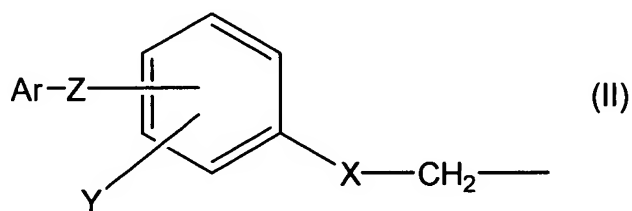
25. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~a human or animal patient in need of treatment for~~ seborrheic dermatitis comprising administering to ~~the~~ a seborrheic

dermatitis patient an amount effective for the treatment of seborrheic dermatitis of a composition which comprises:

(A) at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone of formula I, wherein the at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone is present in free form or as a pharmaceutically acceptable salt:



where R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 , which are identical or different, are H or alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and R^4 is a saturated hydrocarbon radical having 6 to 9 carbon atoms or a radical of formula II:



where:

X is S or O;

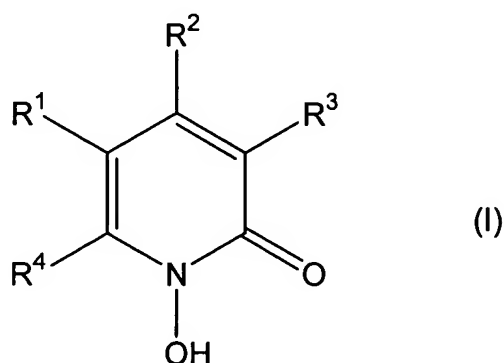
Y is H, or 1 or 2 identical halogen atoms, or a mixture of 2 different halogen atoms;

- Z is a single bond, or
a linking radical comprising
(1) O, or
(2) S, or
(3) -CR₂-, where R is H or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, or
(4) from 2 to 10 carbon atoms linked in the form of a straight or branched chain,
which optionally further comprises one or more of the following:
(i) a carbon-carbon double bond, and
(ii) O, S, or a mixture thereof, wherein if 2 or more O or S atoms or a
mixture thereof are present, each O or S atom is separated by at least 2
carbon atoms; and,
in any of the foregoing linking radicals, any remaining free valences of the carbon
atoms of said linking radical are saturated by H, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, or a mixture
thereof;
and
- Ar is an aromatic ring system having two rings, the aromatic ring system being
unsubstituted or substituted by one, two, or three radicals, which are identical or
different, and are chosen from halogen, methoxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, trifluoromethyl,
and trifluoromethoxy, and wherein Ar is a bicyclic system derived from biphenyl,
diphenylalkane, or diphenyl ether; and
- (B) at least one surfactant chosen from anionic surfactants, cationic surfactants,
nonionic surfactants, and amphoteric surfactants; and

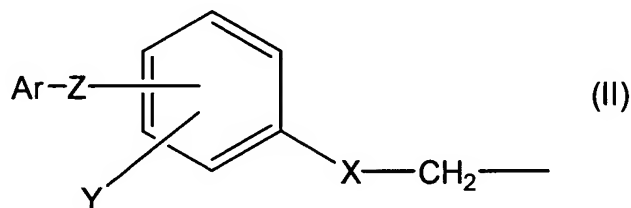
wherein the composition is a shampoo.

26. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a ~~human or animal patient in~~
~~need of treatment for~~ seborrheic dermatitis comprising administering to the a seborrheic
dermatitis patient an amount effective for the treatment of seborrheic dermatitis of a
composition comprising:

an active component consisting essentially of at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone of
formula I, wherein the at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone is present in free form or as a
pharmaceutically acceptable salt:



wherein R¹, R² and R³, which are identical or different, are H or alkyl having 1 to 4
carbon atoms, and R⁴ is a saturated hydrocarbon radical having 6 to 9 carbon atoms or
a radical of formula II:



where:

X is S or O;

Y is H, or 1 or 2 identical halogen atoms, or a mixture of 2 different halogen atoms;

Z is a single bond, or

a linking radical comprising

(1) O, or

(2) S, or

(3) $-\text{CR}_2-$, where R is H or $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)$ -alkyl, or

(4) from 2 to 10 carbon atoms linked in the form of a straight or branched chain,

which optionally further comprises one or more of the following:

(i) carbon-carbon double bond, and

(ii) O, S, or a mixture thereof, wherein if 2 or more O or S atoms or a mixture thereof are present, each O or S atom is separated by at least 2 carbon atoms; and

in any of the foregoing linking radicals, any remaining free valences of the carbon atoms of said linking radical are saturated by H, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)$ -alkyl, or a mixture thereof; and

Ar is an aromatic ring system having one or two rings, the aromatic ring system being unsubstituted or substituted by one, two or three radicals, which are identical or different, and are chosen from halogen, methoxy, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)$ -alkyl, trifluoromethyl, and trifluoromethoxy; and

wherein the composition comprises a foam.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone of formula I comprises a cyclohexyl radical in the R⁴ position.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone of formula I comprises an octyl radical of the formula $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ in the R⁴ position.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the at least one 1-hydroxy-2-pyridone of formula I comprises one compound selected from the group consisting of 1-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-(4-(4-chlorophenoxy)phenoxyethyl)-2-(1H)pyridone, 1-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-cyclohexyl-2(1H)pyridone, 1-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-(2,4,4-trimethylpentyl)-2(1H)pyridone, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of any of the foregoing, and a mixture of any of the foregoing.